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For: OPTICAL BRANCHING COMPONENT WITH  
LOW POLARISATION SENSITIVITY AND  
INCREASED PROCESS TOLERANCE

Examiner: D. J. Petkovsek

**RESPONSE C**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Response C is in reply to the Office Action mailed 13 November 2008.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.